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52-YEAR-OLD MESA MAN SENTENCED FOR RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PHOENIX – The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on June 29, 2004, Paul Direnzo, DOB 4/8/52, of Mesa, Ariz., was sentenced to 72 months prison and lifetime supervised release for Receipt of Child Pornography by U.S. District Judge Roslyn O. Silver in Phoenix.

Direnzo's sentence was the result of his plea of guilt on March 9, 2004. In the plea agreement, he admitted that on or about September 2, 2003, he knowingly received child pornography. One of the most graphic images included a video clip of an adult male engaging in vaginal and anal intercourse with a female child, approximately three years old.

The defendant was also ordered to register as a sex offender and to undergo sex offender treatment. The investigation in this case was conducted by Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The prosecution was handled by Sharon K. Sexton, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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